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TWO CONSOLIDATED DISTRICTS PLANNED

Will Bring Total of Large Schools Up to Seven. Seventeen Trucks Used for the Rural Schools.

Curry County will have two more consolidated school districts this fall if plans now under way are completed, according to announcements made this week.

When the County school board met last Saturday, a committee made up of S. S. Alcorn, H. G. Cosby, and G. M. Riemann, representing school districts 38, Echoes Hill, 47, West Chapel, and a part of district 25, Prairie Valley, met to discuss the consolidation of these districts. And a committee from districts 45, Concord, 28, Deep Lake, 16, Prairie Flower, 14, Prairie View, and a part of the Rose Valley district also met to discuss consolidation.

The consolidation of the first three districts was practically decided on, and as soon as the routine petition is presented to the County board, authority for the change will probably be granted.

The consolidation of the other five, however, will probably not be acted upon until later. All the districts affected are in the northwest part of the county.

When these consolidations go into effect, Curry County will have seven large consolidated schools. The five now in operation are, Grady, Bellview, Hollene, Ranchvale, and Pleasant Hill. These, with Melrose and Texico, and the smaller consolidated districts of Blacktower, St. Vrain, Havener and Cloud, and seventeen smaller schools, serve an enrollment of approximately 2,000 pupils.

A total of 73 teachers are employed in Curry County, in the 28 schools outside of Clovis. Seventeen school trucks are used in conveying the students to and from the class rooms in the rural schools. Fifteen of these trucks are owned by the County and two are privately owned.

FORMER CLOVIS TEACHER HEADS HEREFORD SCHOOL.

Miss Millicent Griffith, former principal of one of the Clovis ward schools, was elected superintendent of the Hereford, Texas schools Tuesday evening.

Miss Griffith is well known in Clovis, having been connected with the local school system in 1918-19. Hereford has a good school system, employing 19 teachers. A new high school building is being planned for the town.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE "TACKY DAY"

The Senior class of the Clovis High School held its "tacky day" party Wednesday, and a large variety of rubes and "hay-seeds" were impersonated. In the afternoon special chapel exercises were held, and the school voted to determine who was the "seediest" looking.

Marion Elliott, dressed as a hobo, and Elizabeth Riley, portraying a backwoods farmer's wife, won, and were given a treat.

RANCHVALE WINS FIRST IN COUNTY TRACK MEET

Texico Earns First Honors in Forensic Contest. Winning Schools Given Loving Cups.

The team from the Ranchvale School won first in the track meet staged in Clovis last Saturday under the direction of the Curry County Athletic Association.

First honors in the forensic contests were awarded to the Texico Schools. Each school was presented with a handsome loving cup, which will be the center of competition each year.

Practically every rural school in the county was represented in some department of the meet. Officials of the Association, Prof. Chas. L. Rose of Cloud, Prof. C. A. Freeman of Ranchvale, and Prof. S. A. Jackson of Hollene, state that it was one of the most successful meets ever held in the county.

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS WILL COMMENCE SOON

Band is Larger Than Ever Before. Kiwanis Club Boosts Financing This Worthy Organization.

Plans are being made to have summer concerts by Johnson's band just as soon as the weather begins to get warm enough to make it pleasant to be out doors during the evening.

At the Kiwanis Club luncheon Wednesday Cash Ramey spoke in favor of the club getting squarely behind the matter of financing the band for the special summer musical programs and acting president, W. L. Laikart, appointed a committee to report on the matter at next regular meeting.

Clovis has possibly never had a feature that brought more visitors from out of town than the band concerts. It is a good advertising feature and is appreciated by the people at home.

This year the band will have twenty pieces and is better equipped than ever before for the summer concerts. Clovis has the best band in the Southwest and many of the larger towns would feel very fortunate if they had as good a bunch of musicians as Clovis can boast of.

SCHOOLS THREATENED BY TAX DELINQUENCIES

Only About 36 per cent. of Taxes Due City and County Schools are in Hands of County Treasurer.

The schools of Clovis and Curry County will suffer materially if tax payments do not come in at a faster rate than they have been in the past few months. Up until March only about 36 per cent of the taxes due the schools of Clovis were in the hands of the treasurer. This was due to the fact that tax payers were delinquent in their payments.

The matter of the levy for school tax purposes will next year be in the hands of the state educational auditor instead of the county commissioners as heretofore. Clovis people are all vitally interested in seeing the high standard of our public schools maintained. Our schools are absolutely the best asset the city has and have caused more direct growth of the city than any other one thing.

All over the state the Clovis public schools are recognized for the efficiency of the work done and any curtailment of resources for next year would not only affect the schools but would affect property values as well.

DENVER PUBLICATION PRINTS ARTICLE OF S. A. JONES

A recent issue of the Mountain States Banker, the official publication of the Bankers Association of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming, featured an article on banking that was recently read by S. A. Jones before the Kiwanis Club here. Mr. Jones' article gave a comprehensive history of banking and the worth of the article is shown by the fact that it was published in such a big banking journal.

MRS. ROBERTS DEAD.

Mrs. Helen Roberts died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Rought on North Connelly Street, with whom she had been making her home. Remains were shipped to Montpelier, Ohio, for burial and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rought.

CLOVIS FLORAL COMPANY WILL OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Dr. J. R. Carver announces through the News this week that the Clovis Floral Company will be open for business next Monday. The company's greenhouse and gardens will be located at the corner of Wallace and Washington streets.

BUILDING SIDEWALKS

Mayor McClelland and Dr. J. Foster Scott are building a block of cement sidewalk on their lots on north Mitchell street.

WOODMEN CIRCLE WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE

April 25th and 26th Set For State Meeting. National Officers Will Be Present.

More than 75 delegates from over the state will attend the state convention of the Woodmen Circle which will be held in Clovis on Monday and Tuesday, April 25th and 26th.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and Mrs. Katy Ferguson, national officers, will be among the delegates and officers of organizations in Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Raton, Roswell, Alamogordo and other towns will be here.

A tentative program has been formed, which includes installation and memorial services by the Grand Officers and the Albuquerque drill team, a public installation also by the Albuquerque team. Besides the business sessions and the social meetings.

Mrs. T. A. Peters is Guardian of the local Woodmen Circle, and Mrs. Ralph Martin is secretary. A committee from the Woodmen Lodge, composed of S. W. Lane, T. A. Peters, and W. W. Nichols will assist the Circle in the convention, and the Chamber of Commerce will assist in receiving the delegates.

JACK BAHER IS VICTIM OF WINDSTORM MISHAP.

The first victim of the Spring wind storms was reported Wednesday when Jack Baher received a severe gash over the eye while working on the Croft building.

He was laying a galvanized roof on the porch of the building, when the wind blew one of the heavy metal sheets back on him. The corner of it struck him just over the eye, cutting a long gash.

CITY WANTS PERMANENT PARK AND CAMP GROUNDS

Committee of All Organizations in Clovis Meet This Afternoon To Discuss Plans.

A movement is being worked out whereby Clovis will have a public park. The plan is to have the City, the Curry County Fair Association and the school board to co-operate in the purchase of a tract of land that will be improved and beautified for the public's good.

These grounds, it is pointed out, could be fenced and used as an athletic grounds for the High School track meets during the school terms. In the summer the ball teams could have their games there and the enclosed grounds would help them collect admissions. Last, but by no means least, the Curry County Fair Association would have a permanent fair grounds. All interests of the town would be interested in beautifying this spot and in a few years it would be the pride of Clovis.

A conference of city officials, school board members, directors of the Curry County Fair Association and other interested citizens will be held this afternoon to work out a plan to secure grounds for the park and form the proper organization for putting the matter across.

CITY RECEIVES FIRST OF NEW POWER EQUIPMENT

A 357-HP Casey Hedges boiler, the first of the new equipment recently purchased by the city council for the power plant, arrived this week and is being installed. As soon as the boiler is installed, it will be connected up with the present equipment.

Th other machinery which was purchased by the council includes another Casey Hedges boiler, a 500 kw generator and a 500 kw turbine.

CRYSTAL CAFE IS NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

In a deal which was closed Monday D. M. Stevens, formerly of Plainview, Texas, purchased the Crystal Cafe on South Main Street from J. H. Booth.

Mr. Stevens has been in the restaurant business for a number of years.

MERCHANTS TRADE TRIP IS SET FOR MAY TENTH

Will Spend Entire Day Visiting Communities in Northeast Part of County. Another Trip Later.

Tuesday, May 10th has been set for the merchants trade trip. The party will leave Clovis by auto, at eight o'clock and the following will be the schedule of stops:

Texico-Farwell, 8:45 to 9:15.
Pleasant Hill 10:00 to 10:30.
Hollene, 11:30 to 12:00.
Dinner at Hollene.
Bellview, 1:00 to 1:30 p. m.
Grady, 2:00 to 2:30 p. m.
Cloud, 4:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Later a date will be selected for a trip to Ranchvale, Field, Cameron, Melrose, St. Vrain and Havener.

Every business man and citizen of Clovis is invited to make this trip, the object of which is to get better acquainted with the farmers of the county.

Other trips of this kind have not only been enjoyable ones but have resulted in a better feeling and a better understanding between the business men and the people of the trade territory.

LIEUT. GOV. DUCKWORTH IN SANTA FE THIS WEEK

Lieutenant Governor Duckworth left Sunday for Santa Fe, where he has been acting during the absence of Governor McChesney. The governor has been in Washington and was present at the opening of the 67th Congress. Mr. Duckworth will return to Clovis Saturday.

Mrs. Dosier Freed.
Santa Fe, April 12.—Mrs. Maude Dosier today received a complete and unconditional pardon from Acting Governor Duckworth. She was tried for the killing at Columbus of an army captain with whom she was living as a companion law wife, and sentenced to serve three to five years. The pardon was recommended by 11 of the 12 jurors and by unanimous vote of the board of penitentiary commissioners.

THIS IS BUSY WEEK FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

Judge J. E. Noble, justice of the peace, is a busy man these days. During the last week he has heard several cases ranging from family quarrels and dark town shooting scrapes, to preliminary hearings.

APPRENTICE DANCE

The Santa Fe apprentices will give a dance Saturday, April 23rd at the Elk's Hall, for the benefit of the apprentice ball team. Good music and a good time is assured.

WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Oklahoma Wins Suit

More than 39,000 acres of Red River bottom land, valued at \$150,000,000 was awarded to Oklahoma in the suit against Texas, by a supreme Court decision, as a result of the famous Red River boundary squabble that has been in court for more than two years. The land in question takes in a large part of the Burk Burnett off field, and Oklahoma's claim was based on an old treaty which was forgotten when the river changed its course.

67th Congress at Work.

The 67th congress started its grind Monday, and will probably start immediately on its work of adjusting peace with Germany, tariff and tax revisions and many other questions. Senators Holm O. Bursum, of New Mexico and Peter Norbeck of South Dakota, were sworn in.

Whassa Matter, Texas?

More than a dozen prison officials here what the oil sharks say about the Gulf No. 2, eighteen miles north of Panhandle, Texas. The well, the first real oil producer in the Texas Panhandle, has caused more excitement than the bringing in of what is claimed to be the world's greatest gas field in that vicinity.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IS "BATTING ONE THOUSAND"

MAIL EARLY

"Mail your letters and parcels early in the day," is the plea of the local post office force, in connection with the national "mail early" slogan that has been adopted by the postal department under the new administration. The heaviest part of the mailing is done now between the hours of 4:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., while very little mail is dropped in the office earlier in the day. By mailing early you will assist the local postal employees in keeping regular hours.

SANTA FE ORDERS 20 PER CENT WAGE CUT

Order Affects General Office Clerks and Other Skilled Labor. Goes Into Effect May 12, 1921.

A general wage reduction order of not less than 20 per cent has been issued by the Santa Fe Railway Company in Clovis, effective May 12th. The order affects telegraphers, general office clerks and practically all lines of skilled labor, according to announcement of local railway officials Wednesday.

A hearing has been set for April 25 at Topeka, at which the matter will be discussed by representatives of the employees and representatives of the railway company. The wage order is similar to that covering unskilled labor issued some time ago and which is now pending with the United States Labor Board.

EARLY MORNING FIRE

The Home Cafe, operated on South Main Street by Walter Smith, came near being destroyed by fire about two o'clock Wednesday morning. The proprietor was asleep in the room in the rear of the building and the inside was all afire when he was awakened about 2:00 a. m. The fire department made a hurry run and did some extra good work in putting out the fire before a great deal of damage was done. The fixtures of the restaurant were insured for \$1,000. The building, which is the property of E. B. Payne, was not insured, however, not a great deal of damage was done to it.

COUNTY BUREAU WILL START DRIVE FRIDAY

S. Fred Cummings, National Organizer. Hopes to Sign Up Every Farmer in Curry County.

Will H. Pattison, President of the Curry County Farm Bureau, left this morning for Amarillo, where he will meet Mr. Cummings. From there they will motor direct to Pleasant Hill, where the first meeting on the Farm Bureau membership drive will be held.

Plans are being completed to make the three days work in Curry County a perfect success. On April 15th S. Fred Cummings will arrive to assist in the membership campaign, and will conduct six meetings in Curry County. After each meeting solicitors will work the field in each community and every farmer in Curry County will be solicited for his membership in the Farm Bureau.

The following report was received from Colfax County membership drive:

Raton, N. M., April 9, 1921.
Mr. W. H. Pattison,
Clovis, N. M.

Dear Mr. Pattison:
Have just completed the fourth night meeting with following day drive for Farm Bureau membership in Colfax County, last night's meeting being at Deadman, and I am delighted at being able to inform you that we have signed up every man with whom we have come in contact. As the base ball boys say, "we have batted a thousand."

We close the Colfax County drive tonight with a big general meeting in Raton, and I see no reason why New Mexico should not do herself proud in this movement. My plans are now complete to be with you on the date specified.

Yours very truly,
S. FRED CUMMINGS,
State Organizer.

Every effort is being made to have Curry County thoroughly organized for conducting this campaign, and it is hoped that equal success will be obtained in the work here.

Curry County prides herself on being the best agricultural county in the state, and every citizen of Curry County should be proud to have Curry County go over the top, and stand first in Farm Bureau membership and Farm Bureau work.

Don't fail to attend at least one of the following meetings.

Pleasant Hill, Friday, April 15th, 2:00 p. m.
Bellview, Friday, April 15th, 7:30 p. m.
Grady, Saturday, April 16th, 1:00 p. m.
Melrose, Saturday, April 16th, 7:00 p. m.
Clovis, Monday, April 18th, 2:00 p. m.

1500 EXPECTED TO ATTEND FIRST SINGING CONVENTION

More than 1500 from Curry and adjoining counties are expected to attend the first annual meeting of the Curry County Singing Convention which will be held at Ranchvale next Sunday, April 17th.

The exercises will start promptly at 10:00 o'clock, and most of the day will be taken up with competitive singing by the different classes. Fifteen communities in the county will have classes and quartets there, and five teams outside of the county will compete.

MARRIAGE RECORDS

Miss Verda Nioma Hester, of Roswell, and Cecil Elmo Mahoney, of Denver, were married Thursday by Rev. C. D. Poston.

Alice Burress, of Tucumcari, and R. W. Green, of Oklahoma City, were married Friday by Rev. C. W. Stumph.